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Mr James Hill
648 W. 2nd St.
Lakeland Fla.

Dear James:

I received your letter with the contracts enclosed unsigned. That is baseball, and a player always try to get as much salary as he can. There is no doubt you are one of the good ballplayers, and could be an even more valuable man to the team if you wanted to be.

You said I have never offered you a raise. I suppose the extra money I have given you, and the large amounts I have spent on your health do not count. I wonder if you have ever stopped to think if I had not taken the care of you I did, when you first took sick, you might not be able to play ball or do anything else. The fact that you were no good at all a whole season, and you still received your full salary does not seem to matter to you. I am sure some one who does not know the story is advising you what to do. I cant believe you could be as unappreciative as your letter sounds.

The contracts I am enclosing call for an increase in salary, because I do not want to argue with you. We may not come to Florida to train this year. I will know in a day or two. I think we will be in Virginia.

About the bill you owe, you may tell the party I will pay them as soon as you start to work. If you want me to write them directly I will be glad to do so. If you are going to play with us this year please send the contract back right away, so I will know what to expect. I was very sorry to hear about the baby. You are both very young, and will still have time to raise a big family. Give my best regards to Mary.

Very Truly Yours